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**Applicant:** Ted Christopher

**Examiner:** F. Jaworski

**Serial No.:** 08/746,360

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**For:** FINITE AMPLITUDE DISTORTION-  
BASED INHOMOGENEOUS PULSE  
ECHO ULTRASONIC IMAGING

**Dated:** June 25, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Zhou, et al., "Dynamic-Transmit Focusing Using Time-Dependent Focal Zone and Center Frequency", *IEEE Transactions on Ultrasonics, Ferroelectrics, and Frequency Control*, Vol. 50, No. 2, Pages 142-152; February 2003.

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Applicant is submitting a copy of the above-cited reference.

Applicant notes that a Final Action was issued in this case on March 19, 1998; however in a Communication dated August 31, 1998, that Office Action final rejection was withdrawn. Accordingly, it is believed that 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) sets forth the requirements needed to have this Disclosure Statement considered. A fee, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2) and 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p), in the amount of \$180.00 is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 19-3886. A duplicate copy of this statement is enclosed.

Accordingly, it is hereby requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be considered and made of record in the above-identified patent application.

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**37 CFR 1.97(c)**

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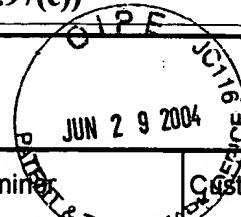
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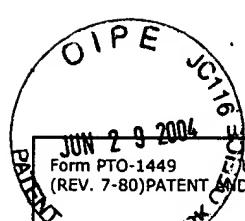
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		Zhou, et al., "Dynamic-Transmit Focusing Using Time-Dependent Focal Zone and Center Frequency", <i>IEEE Transactions on Ultrasonics, Ferroelectrics, and Frequency Control</i> , Vol. 50, No. 2, Pages 142-152; February 2003.

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